

**ORDINANCE #67074**  
**Board Bill No. 447**  
**Committee Substitute**

An ordinance amending Ordinance 64710; pertaining to the making, using or displaying of a replica, facsimile or counterfeit of any number plate or temporary number tag issued by the State of Missouri or any other state, by adding a penalty clause assessing a fine and allowing for the towing of any vehicle displaying a replica, facsimile or counterfeit of any number plate or temporary number tag issued by the State of Missouri or any other state, and containing an emergency clause.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION ONE.** Ordinance 64710, as codified in Section 17.52.080 of the Revised Code of the City of St. Louis, is hereby amended to read as follows:

17.52.080            State registration number plate—Counterfeiting.

A. No person shall make a replica, facsimile or counterfeit of any number plate or temporary number tag issued by the State of Missouri or any other state, nor shall any person erase, change or alter the number on any such plate or temporary number tag or knowingly use or display on any motor vehicle a replica, facsimile or counterfeit number plate or temporary number tag or any plate or temporary number tag on which the number has been erased, changed or altered.

B. Any person found to be in violation of paragraph A of this section shall be assessed a fine of not less than Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) or a term of imprisonment of not less than Ninety days (90) or both a fine and a term of imprisonment.

C. Any vehicle displaying a replica, facsimile or counterfeit of any number plate or temporary number tag or a plate or temporary number tag which has been erased, changed or altered in violation of paragraph A of this section shall be subject to towing by the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department. The police officer shall provide for the towing of the vehicle to a facility controlled by the city or its agents. The vehicle shall be held until the owner of such vehicle provides proof of a valid title registration and a certificate of financial responsibility for such vehicle. In addition the owner shall be liable for the scheduled fees for the towing and storage of the vehicle. When the vehicle is towed, the police officer shall notify the person who is found to be in control of the vehicle at the time of the alleged violation, if there is such a person, of the fact of the towing and of the vehicle owner's right to appeal the towing under the provisions of this ordinance.

Any person, firm or corporation or other legal entity aggrieved by any decision of the Metropolitan Police Department to remove a vehicle pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance may request a hearing before the Director of Streets or his designee. Such hearings shall be conducted as soon as possible after the removal has occurred.

Any person, firm or corporation or other legal entity aggrieved by any decision of the Director of Streets may appeal such decision to the Board of Public Service within seven (7) days after receiving a written notice of such decision by filing a written appeal with the Secretary of the Board of Public Service. A hearing officer appointed by the Board of Public Service shall, within fourteen (14) days after receiving notice of such appeal, hear the appeal and thereafter render a decision affirming, modifying or reversing the decision of the Director of Streets and to such end shall possess all the powers on appeal granted the Director of Streets under the provisions of this chapter. Such decision shall be subject to the procedures and review provided by Section 536 RSMo., 1978, as amended.

**SECTION TWO. Emergency clause.**

This being an ordinance for the preservation of public peace, health, and safety, it is hereby declared to be an emergency measure within the meaning of Sections 19 and 20 of Article IV of the Charter of the City of St. Louis and therefore shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the mayor.

**Approved: April 20, 2006**